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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of : December 27, 2006  
V. Castelli, et al : Group Art No.: 2162  
Serial No. 09/237,646 : Examiner: C. Truong  
Filed: January 26, 1999 : for IBM Corporation  
Anne Vachon Dougherty  
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FROM ITERATIVE REFINEMENT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time  
for a period of one month to submit the Appeal Brief. The  
period for response, which had been set to expire on  
November 27, 2006, will now expire on December 27, 2006.  
Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-  
0510 in the amount of \$120.00 for the one month extension.

Respectfully submitted,  
Castelli, et al

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